

CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

September 11, 2009

Over the past several weeks City staff have met with the organizers of the Dungeness Crab and Seafood Festival. One of the key items discussed is their request to close Lincoln Street from Front to Railroad Avenue during the event this year. The Festival will be using The Gateway Pavilion as part of their event and wished to encourage pedestrians to move more freely back and forth between The Gateway and the City Pier where other parts of the Festival will be held. City staff met with local entities impacted by this closure including the Coho Ferry, Clallam Transit, and the Red Lion Hotel. Our Public Works Department has prepared a traffic mitigation plan that will minimize the impact from this closure. I wanted to let you know that we are moving forward with this closure which will extend from the morning of Friday, October 9 until Sunday evening on October 11. To a certain extent this will be a trial period to see if this type of closure will work for future major events in this area.

This week we made continued progress on developing a balanced 2010 City Budget. Next week Yvonne and I will have a second round of budget meetings with some of the City departments and we anticipate presenting a balanced preliminary budget to Council for further review at the September 29 special meeting. We also plan on meeting with representatives of the employee unions on or about September 29 to provide them with an update on the budget.

This week Jeff Lincoln scheduled a meeting with staff of the various agencies involved in the Rayonier project. The purpose of this meeting was to coordinate the various tasks that are involved in the restoration and redevelopment of this site. Although I was not able to stay for the entire meeting, it appeared to be a good sharing of information between the staff members of the City, Port, Harbor-Works, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and the Department of Ecology. I have attached the agenda from this meeting and Nathan will provide a summary report at the Council meeting this coming Tuesday. Also, a public forum to update local citizens on the progress with the Rayonier site is tentatively scheduled for October 7. We will provide the time and location for this meeting when it is available.

Since I arrived in Port Angeles some 8 months ago, I have been very surprised and disappointed with the volume of traffic that we attract from the City of Victoria. Over the past week I have started discussing this issue with a number of people in our community and they have expressed some great ideas on how we can improve our efforts. One thing that has become obvious is that we do not have any coordinated plan or strategy to attract these Canadian visitors. I wanted to let you know that I plan to meet with several other key players in the next several weeks and in October I will have a report and recommendations for improvement. This is an economic development opportunity that the community seems to be missing out on.

If I can get some last-minute passport issues resolved, I am heading to Montreal for the ICMA Conference and will be back in the office next Thursday. Bill Bloor will serve as the Acting City Manager in my absence so please give him a call if you need anything.

-Kent Myers

**HarborWorks/Rayonier Mill Site
Coordination Meeting #1**

September 10, 2009

9:30 – 11:30 AM

**Vern Burton Meeting Room
Port Angeles City Hall**

Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Jeff Lincoln, HarborWorks (5 minutes)
2. Lower Elwha Tribal Overview - Council and/or staff as determined
3. Combined Sewer Overflow Project - Flyover Graphic - Kathryn Neal, City of Port Angeles (15 minutes)
4. Planning for Ennis Creek Restoration - Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Fisheries - Mike McHenry, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
5. Redevelopment Issues and Alternatives - General Discussion - City Planning Process for Zoning, Shoreline Planning, Etc. - Nathan West, City of Port Angeles (20 minutes)
6. Port Perspective on Redevelopment - Overview of Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements and How Rayonier Fits - David Hagiwara, Port of Port Angeles (5 minutes)
7. Site Archeology and Cultural Resources Overview - Derek Beery, City of Port Angeles; Bill White, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (15 minutes)
8. Rayonier Toxics Cleanup Program Status and Schedule - Rebecca Lawson, Department of Ecology (20 minutes)
9. Status of Due Diligence Study - Jeff Lincoln, HarborWorks; Sally Fisher, Berger-ABAM (20 minutes)
10. General Discussion